## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:		)	
	•	:	Examiner: M. Dinh
HIROHIDE TACHIKAWA		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2132
Application No.: 10/616,941		)	-
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Filed: July 11, 2003		)	
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For:	NETWORK CONFIGURATION	)	
	METHOD AND	:	
	COMMUNICATION SYSTEM	)	
	AND APPARATUS	:	August 23, 2007

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office

Action dated May 23, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows: